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**To:** Veterinarians, Exhibition Organizers, and Exhibitors

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**Subject:** 2007 Exhibition Requirements

Thank you for your continuing support of the Board of Animal Health's programs. As you make preparations for the 2007 exhibition season, please take note of the enclosed 2007 state requirements for exhibition. Please be aware of the following changes in the state-wide requirements for exhibiting animals.

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) has for many years required a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) for all livestock exhibited. If the animal originated outside the state, the CVI was to be prepared within 30 days of the exhibition. If the animal originated inside the state, the CVI was to be prepared within 90 days of the exhibition. **Beginning in 2007, BOAH will no longer require a CVI for animals that originate within the state. State requirements for animals that originate outside the state have not changed.**

Taking this step is one way BOAH can reward producers and practitioners for many, many years of diligent work to eradicate diseases such as pseudorabies, tuberculosis and brucellosis from Indiana's herds.

As the state transitions into the premise identification program, we will have a modern alternative to the traditional paper trail created by stacks of written records presented at exhibitions. Under a rule adopted by BOAH last year, all exhibition organizers are required to keep records of exhibition participants for two years. This initiative will greatly aid in planning for and responding to an outbreak of disease that involves exhibition animals. Without that rule, dropping the CVI requirement would not have been a viable option.

BOAH did consider several options before making this change:

1. BOAH considered requiring a 30-day or 60-day CVI for animals originating within the state. This option would have helped with, but not resolved completely, the problem of animals that arrive with conditions that arose after the animal was inspected. This option would have also required a second CVI for many 4-H exhibitors who take their animals to the State Fair. This option would have created a significant challenge for veterinarians in some parts of the state to get all of the inspections completed in the shorter time period.

2. BOAH considered requiring as a matter of state law that each exhibition provide a veterinarian to inspect animals at the time the animals arrive. BOAH declined to mandate this state-wide because of the difficulty of meeting this requirement in some areas. Meeting this

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requirement at all county 4-H fairs would have been difficult, but meeting it for every show or fair in the state would have been nearly impossible.

We realize veterinary practioners in some parts of the state are having an increasingly difficult time providing CVI service to all of the exhibitors requesting the service in a multi-county area. The number of veterinarians willing to make calls and inspect exhibition animals is limited in some areas of the state.

**Please Note: Nothing in the State rules prevents an exhibition organizer from requiring any of the above for a particular fair or show.**

If you have questions, please direct them as follows:

1. By letter to: Indiana State Board of Animal Health, Attn: Legal Affairs, 805 Beachway Drive, Suite 50; Indianapolis, IN 46224.
2. By electronic mail to: [ghaynes@boah.in.gov](mailto:ghaynes@boah.in.gov)
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